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The Minimum Legal Drinking Age (MLDA) in this country is 21. Why is that? It has been determined that people under the age of 21 have a higher risk of drinking and driving and are more at risk of harming themselves and others. People under 21 are also more likely to commit gun homicide than the rest of the population. This is a statistical fact. How can we reduce gun violence, including suicide? We can limit the ability of young people to purchase firearms. The CDC says, "Firearm violence has tremendous impact on American's overall safety and wellbeing." Just as young peoples brains and emotions cannot be trusted to make good decisions where alcohol is involved, we should likewise not put firearms into their hands.

I urge you to support HB 2006 to protect young people and the population as a whole from people who not yet able to make responsible decisions. Thank you.